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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 17-22, 24, 26-27 and 30 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 3, 10 and 28 were previously canceled. Accordingly, Claims 2, 5-8, 11, 13-16, 23, 25, 29 and 31-32 remain pending in the application. Claims 2, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 23, 25, 29, 31 and 32 have been amended. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 5-8, 13-16, 20, 21, 25, 26, 31 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 7, 13, 15, 25 and 31 have been rewritten in independent form including all the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims and all the remaining pending claims depends on one of claims 5, 7, 13, 15, 25 and 31.

Accordingly, claims 5, 7, 13, 15, 25 and 31 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 17, 19, 22, 24, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Smith et al (US 6,037,835).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 11, 18, 23 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Smith et al (US 6,037,835) in view of Abhishek et al (US 2007/0118742; art of record).

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Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 17 - 19, 22, 24, 27 and 30 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore the rejections to these claims are now moot.

As discussed above, amended claims 5, 13, 25 and 31 are allowable.

Claim 2 was amended to be dependent from allowable claim 5. Claim 11 was amended to be dependent from allowable claim 13. Claim 23 was amended to be dependent from claim 25. Claims 29 and 32 were amended to be dependent from claim 31. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 12, 17-19, 22-24, 27 and 29-30 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge the \$210.00 large-entity fee for the one new independent claim over what was previously filed to deposit account No. 50-3355. Aside from these fees, no fees are believed to be due associated with this paper. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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